

**Mayor's Council on Disability Issues Meeting**

Minutes: June 13, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Allen, Austin, Booker, Brewer, Brookshire, Davidson, Houston, Johnson, Jones, Loebner, Moore, Neely, Newman, Secrest, Shipley, Shilling, and Cook

Absent: Huang, Lemak, Petty, Sawhney, Van Dyke, and Byrne

3. Approval of April and May Minutes

Secrest made a motion to accept April minutes, Houston seconded and motion carried.

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4. Disability Friendly Survey: Finalization and Update

Survey is not yet finalized and ready. The gift box option is not yet on the survey. It will be sent out by AARP, the Health Department, and along with the Senior Needs Assessment, it is on CODI's website as well. The survey has not been shared with local media yet, but City communications will be asked to do that. The hope is that results will be available by early September. We will work with Communications to do a media press release before and after.

5. Transportation Committee Report:

There was no transportation meeting, but Sandy reported that this is "Try Transit Week", and there will be free rides on Fri. Cook shared information about a meeting with Dawn Distler about accessible taxis. Secrest shared information about a recent opportunity for a taxi company to receive a vehicle as an accessible taxi but turned it down because it is not profitable and is costly to maintain. Larger cities offer at least 5% of their fleets as accessible but this is difficult in Knoxville as there are so few taxi companies and the ones here are small. Larger cities have an app, USER, that can be used to find Uber and Lyft accessible transportation, but apparently Knoxville does not have it.

## 6. Strategic Plan and Review

Disability Friendly Survey, Community Engagement, and Commitment to Visitability and Livability. Please see handouts: CODI Strategic Plan 2018 and 2019, and CODI Strategic Plan Update June 2018.

## 7. Knox County Library and Service Animals Update:

No report

## 8. Vote on New CODI members

Four names were offered by the nomination committee to the CODI Council: Monica Orr, Darris Upton, Erin Plyler, and Bonnie Callen. A verbal voice vote was cast for the recommended members as well as all second term members. Houston made a motion, after the vote, to recommend all to the Mayor for CODI, motion seconded by Shipley and motion carried.

Officers were presented for vote, Mark Allen, Chair; Judi Brookshire, Vice Chair, and Melissa Van Dyke, Secretary. A verbal voice vote was cast by all members present and after the vote, Houston made a motion to accept all officers as presented, and Shipley seconded. Motion carried.

## 9. New Business

Cook has reached out to several leaders in homeless services to present at our July meeting. The hope is these individuals will present from 5:00 - 6:00 after our regular business meeting on July 11, 2018 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. There was discussion of what our end goal is for this meeting on homelessness, and Brewer suggested the goal of helping businesses appropriately and compassionately interact with the homeless community.

## 10. Announcements and Public Forum

Houston shared her work travel assignments (to France and Germany!)

11: Adjourn - the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Brookshire & Misha Byrne